



**FOOD QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM
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GRADING/CERTIFICATION FEES – October 1, 2018

MDA/USDA SPECIALTY CROP INSPECTION AND AUDIT FEES

Non Contract Shipping Point Inspection Fees - \$43.00 per hour, with a three (3) hour minimum per trip to inspection site. Hourly overtime rate of \$48.00 for over eight (8) hours per day and for all hours worked on Saturdays, Sundays and State holidays. Mileage at 54.5¢ per mile.

GAP/GHP Audits – Audit \$108.00 per hour, with a three (3) hour minimum per trip to audit site billed by MDA. Audit review and certificate issuance – USDA bills directly \$108.00 per hour. GFSI approved Harmonized Plus - USDA bills \$250.00 for GFSI certification fee.

Contract for Shipping Point - \$1,600.00 for 40 hours of service performed Monday through Friday with a minimum of eight (8) hours per day. Hourly overtime rate of \$44.00 if the grader works in excess of eight (8) hours per day and for all hours worked on Saturdays, Sundays and State holidays. Four (4) hour minimum charged for work performed on Saturdays, Sundays and State holidays. Mileage at 54.5¢ per mile.

MDA/USDA MEAT GRADING

Meat Fee Grading - Fees as established by USDA/AMS LPS Quality Assessment Division. Regular hourly rate - \$99.00. Overtime and prior to 6 a.m. hourly rate - \$115.00. Federal Holidays - \$120.00 per hour. Mileage at 54.5¢ per mile. Actual cost of other travel expenses to provide service will be charged.

MDA/USDA POULTRY AND SHELL EGG GRADING AND AUDIT FEES

Contract for Resident Poultry /Shell Egg Grading - \$1,760.00 for 40 hours of service performed Monday through Friday with a minimum of eight (8) hours per day. Overtime rate of \$48.00 charged for over eight (8) hours per day and for all hours worked on Saturdays, Sundays and State holidays. Four (4) hour minimum charged for work performed on Saturdays, Sundays and State holidays. For work performed during a designated night shift, an additional \$.625 per hour will be charged. Additional administrative volume charges as established by USDA-AMS LPS Quality Assessment Division: \$.058 per case of shell eggs; \$.00047 per pound of poultry received. Minimum administrative fee per monthly billing period is \$275.00 with a maximum of \$3,225.00.

Poultry/Shell Egg Fee Grading - Fees as established by USDA/AMS Quality Assessment Division. Regular hourly rate - \$90.00. Overtime hourly rate - \$97.00 for over eight (8) hours per day and all hours worked on Saturdays and Sundays. Federal Holidays - \$117.00 per hour. Mileage at 54.5¢ per mile. Actual cost of other travel expenses to provide service will be charged.

Audits – Fees as established by USDA/AMS LPS Quality Assessment Division. Hourly rate is \$108.00. Mileage at 54.5¢ per mile. Actual cost of other travel expenses to provide service will be charged.

OTHER MDA CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

Controlled Atmospheric Storage Inspection - \$40.00 per hour, including travel time, with a two (2) hour minimum. Mileage at 54.5¢ per mile.

Maryland Egg Quality Assurance Program audits - \$42.00 per hour, including travel time, with a two (2) hour minimum. Mileage at 54.5¢ per mile.

Organic Certification - Producers and handlers - \$500.00 annual fee (Non refundable after inspection). Exempt registration - \$30.00 annual fee.

USDA Designated Grain Inspection Agency

Contract - Regular - \$37.00 per hour, overtime and holidays \$42.00 per hour. Minimum of 40 hours per week.

Non contract – Regular - \$42.00 per hour for sampling/weighing/grading including travel time. Overtime and holidays \$45.00 per hour. Mileage @ 54.5¢ per mile. Actual cost of other travel expenses to provide service. Actual cost of sample shipping and outside grading.

Submitted Samples - Grade and factor - \$20.00. Mycotoxin test – additional \$30.00 per test.

FGIS administrative fee when applicable - \$.057 per metric ton inspected and/or weighed.

Rabbit and Poultry Slaughter and Processing Certification – USDA/FSIS inspection exempt - \$75.00 annual fee.